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For: A RAPID AND LOW COST METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACID

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

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